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FOR: COOLING CHANNEL COVER FOR A ONE-PIECE PISTON OF AN INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE

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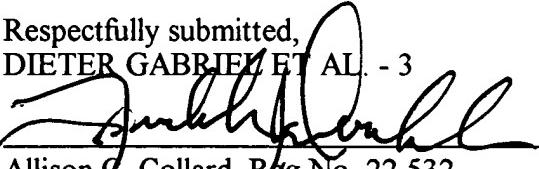
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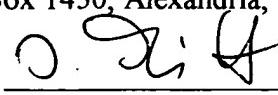
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